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**To:** Shana Davis-Cook, Village Manager  
**From:** Michael Younes, Director of Municipal Operations *my*  
**CC:** Board of Managers  
**Date:** 3/9/11  
**Re:** Update on Capital and Infrastructure Upgrade Projects

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Below please find an update on the various capital and infrastructure upgrade projects currently in-process and in the planning stage:

## **Brookville Road Sidewalk Improvements:**

- Despite the extended periods of cold and wintery weather, construction on the Brookville Road Sidewalk construction has been completed and the Brookville Road Sidewalk is now open for use. All that remains is the installation of one fence.
- Based on the final construction numbers the project came in \$55,000 under the total contracted construction amount and \$281,000 under the engineer's construction estimate.
- Now that the sidewalk is completed the State Highway Administration (SHA) will over the next month begin the process of re-paving Brookville Road between Western Avenue and East West Highway (MD 410).
- SHA anticipates the repaving to begin as early as March 29<sup>th</sup> and should be completed by the end of April.
- Notice has been sent regarding the paving operations to abutting and neighboring residents along Brookville Road outlining what impacts can be expected. The notice has also been posted on the website and listserv.

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### **Connecticut Avenue Sidewalk Upgrades (Maryland State Highway Administration):**

- The Maryland State Highway Administration contractors have began their construction work along Connecticut Avenue in the Village. It is anticipated that work within the Village will last until the middle of May.
- Notice about the project and what to expect was sent to abutting residents on March 3 and has been posted on the website.
- During the construction residents should expect lane and sidewalk closures on Connecticut Avenue during the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- This is one of the State's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects. The ARRA funds can be used to rebuild and replace existing sidewalk along State Highways between mass transit facilities (i.e. bus stops).
- Approximately 60% of the sidewalks and handicap ramps on Connecticut Avenue will be replaced as part of this project.
- The Village has been in contact with the State's project manager to ensure that the State uses the Village's approved brick type and pattern.

### **PEPCO Feeder Upgrades (Connecticut Avenue and Bradley Lane):**

- Over the past month PEPCO has been working along Connecticut Avenue upgrading the existing feeder (high voltage) lines. It is anticipated that work on Connecticut Avenue will be wrapping up the week of the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Once PEPCO is completed along Connecticut Avenue its crews will continue along Bradley Lane and down Brookville Road with the same upgrades.
- The project includes:
  - Replacement of the high voltage wire (highest wire on the pole) with an upgraded gauge wire.
  - Replacement of the secondary wire with an upgraded wire that can withstand tree interaction better
  - Replacement of 12 utility poles
  - Selective tree trimming (resident sign-offs have already been received)

### **Streetlight Replacement and Upgrades:**

- PEPCO has completed its retrofit of all streetlights in the Village.
- The Village Police Department has conducted a follow-up survey of areas within the Village that do not have any or acceptable light levels at night.
- The Police Department's list has been cross referenced with the Village power pole inventory to determine an estimate cost to illuminate those areas
- The Public Works Committee briefed the Board on the follow-up survey and meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup> regarding the installation of additional street lighting in areas of the Village.

- Based on the Board's direction Village staff has included the upgrades in the FY12 Capital Improvements Program.

#### **Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program:**

- The first phase of the street maintenance and rehabilitation program was completed in October.
- Currently, the Village Public Works Department is monitoring the Village's roadways during the winter months for potholes that may develop.
- The second and third phases of the project will be coordinated with WSSC as they complete their water main replacement activities over the coming year.
- Due to the cold weather Village paving and asphalt patching is on hold.

#### **Village-wide Sidewalk Replacements:**

- As of February 3<sup>rd</sup> the invitation for bids for the Village-wide sidewalk replacement project closed.
- A total of eight (8) bids were received
- Over the past month Village staff has been evaluating all bids and interviewing prospective contractors.
- For the Board's consideration Monday evening will be two (2) contract authorization recommendations. Due to the large disparity in the submitted bid prices for the two (2) required I am recommending separate contractors for the sidewalk and ADA ramp replacements.

#### **Verizon FiOS:**

- On Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, *Verizon* crews activated FiOS service in the first areas of the Village. Which include:
  - All of Belmont Avenue
  - Even Side of Park Street
  - 5700, 5800, 5900 blocks of Kirkside Drive
  - 4000 block of Oliver Street (odd house numbers only)
  - 4100 block of Oliver Street
  - 100 blocks of Hesketh and Grafton Streets
  - 5700, 5802 – 5918 Cedar Parkway (even house numbers only)
  - 43 – 51 West Lenox Street
- *Verizon* is currently working throughout the remaining areas of the Village to complete its installation. Weather Permitting *Verizon* anticipates all service to be active by the last week in March.

**Wisconsin Avenue Sidewalk:**

- In November, Village staff met with Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) officials regarding the possible installation of a sidewalk along Wisconsin Avenue between Grafton Street and Bradley Lane in response to resident requests.
- Village and SHA staff were hopeful that this project could be paid for under the State “*Safe Passage*” initiative for providing pedestrian access to mass transit facilities.
- This past week the Village was informed that SHA had agreed to fund the design of the project along the requested path.
- SHA anticipates that project plans will be completed by the middle of May 2011. Once project plans are drafted SHA and Village staff will meet again to discuss next steps such as a construction timetable and what property, tree and utility impacts may exist.
- SHA officials have stated that if SHA Headquarters funds design of a project there is a greater than 80% chance funding is available for the projects’ construction.

**WSSC Water Main Replacement:**

- WSSC has awarded a contract for the Village water main replacement work. However, as of March 7 one of the bidders filed a bid protest to challenge the awarded contract. WSSC is in the process of responding to the challenge which has caused the project to be put on a temporary hold.
- Due to the bid protest construction is not anticipated to begin before the beginning of April.
- Once the challenge of the contract is resolved Village staff, WSSC, the selected contractor will meet to discuss the project schedule further. Once that meeting occurs, I will provide a further update to you, the Board and affected residents.